

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12 and 15-31 now stand in the present application, claims 11, 13 and 14 having been canceled and new claims 18-31 having been added. Reconsideration and favorable action in this case is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 12 and 15-17 are allowable. In order to expeditiously place this case in condition for allowance, Applicants have canceled rejected claims, 11, 13 and 14. Newly added claims 18-31 respectively depend from allowed claims 12 and 15-17. Accordingly, all of the claims now standing in the present application are in condition for allowance.

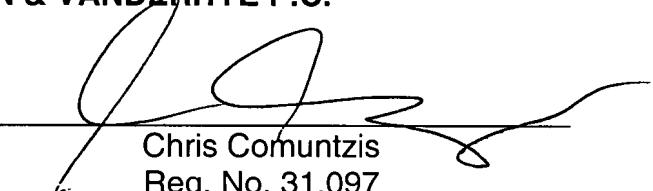
Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 12 and 15-31, now standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

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